

Service Date: September 2, 2014

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of Qwest)	REGULATORY DIVISION
Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and)	
CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink)	DOCKET NO. D2013.11.78
Petition for Waiver, in Part, of 69-3-805(1),)	
MCA)	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a public hearing on the *Petition for Waiver, in Part, of 69-3-805(1), MCA* (Petition) of Qwest Corporation doing business as CenturyLink QC and CenturyTel of Montana doing business as CenturyLink (collectively "CenturyLink"). **The public hearing will commence on September 22, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's business offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620.** The hearing will continue from day to day, as necessary.

CenturyLink requests that the Commission waive Montana Code Annotated § 69-3-805(1)(e) (2013), which requires entities that provide telecommunications services, including incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs), to file tariffs or price lists for regulated telecommunications services. CenturyLink requests to receive the same treatment with respect to tariffs and price lists that its competitors currently receive, which, according to the Petition, the Commission granted by Notice of Commission Action on August 17, 2000.¹

The Notice of Commission Action allowed competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) to cease filing initial tariffs or price lists and to withdraw all tariffs or price lists filed prior to the waiver. CenturyLink asserts that this request is based on the intense competition it is currently facing in Montana. Five parties intervened in this docket, including Blackfoot Communications, Inc., Bresnan Broadband of Montana, LLC, Hot Springs Telephone Company, Ronan Telephone Company, and the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC). CenturyLink and the MCC have reached a settlement agreement, and on August 27, 2014, CenturyLink filed a *Joint Stipulation*

¹ The Petition asserts incorrectly that the August 17, 2000 Notice of Commission Action was issued in Docket No. N2000.3.36 (probably because that docket number is handwritten on the Petitioner's copy of the Notice). There actually is no docket number associated with the August 17, 2000 Notice of Commission Action.

and Settlement Agreement on behalf of both parties.

The Commission's jurisdiction over this matter is provided for in Title 69 of the Montana Code Annotated. The applicable law includes provisions of Title 69 and corresponding administrative rules of the Commission. The hearing will be conducted as a contested case hearing pursuant to Montana Code Annotated Title 2, Chapter 4 (MAPA), and the Administrative Rules of Montana, Title 38, Chapter 2, the Commission's procedural rules. The hearing is for the purpose of receiving technical evidence (testimony and exhibits) addressing the request for waiver. Testimony submitted at hearing is subject to cross-examination.

Anyone needing accommodation for a physical, hearing, or sight impairment in order to attend or participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199 at least one week prior to the hearing. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate individual impairments.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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